CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES

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DEFINITIONS

Courtesy-an act or verbal expression of consideration or respect for others.

Custom-a usual way of acting in a situation that has been practiced so long that it has the force of law.

FORMS OF SALUTING

- HAND SALUTE-ARM AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE, SALUTE COMPLETED AFTER RETURNED
- WHEN IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES-HAT OVER LEFT SHOULDER (MEN)
- RIGHT HAND OVER THE HEART (MEN WITHOUT HATS, WOMEN WITH OR WITHOUT HATS)

FORMS OF SALUTES

- HAND SALUTES ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A GREETING
- ARMY/AIR FORCE-SALUTE UNCOVERED
- WALKING WITH ANOTHER OFFICER, THE OFFICER SALUTES FIRST

FORMS OF SALUTING

- SALUTE THE FOLLOWING:
- NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, COAST GUARD, NATIONAL OCEANIC/ATMOSPHERIC ADMIN, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, FOREIGN MILITARY, OFFICERS OF THE RESERVES, OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

FORMS OF SALUTING

- WHEN BOARDING THE SHIP- FACE THE ENSIGN, SALUTE AND THEN SALUTE THE OOD
- WHEN LEAVING THE SHIP- DO IN THE REVERSE ORDER

FORMS OF SALUTING

- RIFLE SALUTES-WHEN CARRYING RENDER THESE SALUTES
- 1. PRESENT ARMS
- RIFLE SALUTE AT ORDER ARMS
- RIFLE SALUTE AT RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS

SALUTING

- LIST SOME EXAMPLES OF WHEN NOT TO SALUTE:
- UNCOVERED, IN FORMATION, WORK DETAIL, PUBLIC PLACES, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, COMBAT, MESS, GUARDING PRISONERS

HONORS

- RENDERED WHEN SHIPS, OFFICIALS, OR OFFICERS PASS IN BOATS (FLAG OFFICERS OR ABOVE)
- CLOSE ABOARD-600 YARDS FOR SHIPS, 400 YARDS FOR BOATS

HONORS

- ONE BLAST-ATTENTION (STARBOARD)
- TWO BLAST-ATTENTION (PORT)
- ONE BLAST-HAND SALUTE
- TWO BLAST – END SALUTE
- THREE BLAST- CARRY ON
- WHEN PASSING HONORS FOR THE PRESIDENT, YOU MUST MAN THE RAILS….

SALUTING

- Whom to salute:
  - Enlisted personnel salute all officers, and officers salute their seniors. Salutes are returned by persons saluted except when they are uncovered-the person saluted should acknowledge the salute with an an appropriate greeting or a nod of the head.

GUN SALUTES

- USED TO HONOR NATIONS, INDIVIDUALS, AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS
- ALWAYS AN ODD NUMBER
- FROM 5 (VICE COUNSUL) TO 21 (PRESIDENT) RANK BELOW COMMODORE NOT ENTITLED
- PRESIDENT’S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY-21 GUN SALUTE FIRED-STARTS AT NOON, 1-MIN INTERVALS

COLORS

- LIST EXAMPLES OF WHEN TO SALUTE THE COLORS
- IN RANKS (CALLED TO ATTENTION), IN UNIFORM, DRIVING (STOP), PASSENGER IN A BOAT (STANDING, COXSWAIN/BOAT OFFICER SALUTES)
- CIVILIAN/ATHLETIC CLOTHES

COLORS

- **Q. NAVY SHIPS IN PORT-HOIST AND LOWER THE UNION JACK ON WHAT?**
- **A. JACKSTAFF**
- **WHEN AT SEA, FOREIGN COUNTRIES NATIONAL ANTHEM PLAYED ALSO.**
- **FLOWN AT HALF MAST-SIGNIFIES MOURNING**
- **KEY NOTE—IF THE ENSIGN IS FLOWN FROM THE JACKSTAFF/HALF MAST, THE UNION JACK IS HALF MASTED ALSO**
- **COMMAND/COMMISSION PENNANTS ARE HALF MASTED WHEN THE SHIPS CO OR UNIT COMMANDER DIES.**

MILITARY ETIQUETTE

- RULES APPLY FOR
- DIVINE SERVICES
- QUARTERDECK (SACRED PART OF THE SHIP)
- MESSING COMPARTMENT
- OFFICER’S COUNTRY

MILITARY ETIQUETTE

- IN BOATS, MAKE WAY FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL
- SENIORS SIT FARTHEST AFT

ADDRESSING/INTRODUCING NAVAL PERSONNEL

- REVIEW TABLE 9-1 IN THE BMR, CHAPTER 9-
- MEDICAL/DENTAL OFFICERS MAY BE ADDRESSED AS “DOCTOR”
- CHAPLAIN CORPS MAY BE ADDRESSED AS “CHAPLAIN”

ADDRESSING/INTRODUCING NAVAL PERSONNEL

- USE THE OFFICERS TITLE AND NAME
- ON SHIP THE COMMANDING OFFICER IS ADDRESSED AS “CAPTAIN” REGARDLESS OF RANK
- XO, MAY BE ADDRESSED AS “COMMANDER”

ADDRESSING/INTRODUCING NAVAL PERSONNEL

- THE ONLY PROPER RESPONSE TO AN ORAL ORDER IS “AYE, AYE, SIR/MA’AM.

QUESTIONS TO REMEMBER

- Q. WHICH IS THE MOST COMMON SALUTE.
- A. HAND
- Q. SHIPS PASS HONORS FOR OTHER SHIPS AT WHAT DISTANCE?
- A. 600 YARDS

QUESTIONS ?